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Bernard A. Schwetz, D.V.M., Ph.D. Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

Dear Dr. Schwetz:

I want to share my support of the recent decision by officials of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition to consider broader flexibility in the placement of the safe handling instruction on egg cartons. As you know, the inside lid of an egg carton is what most consumers see when they open a carton of eggs.

Accordingly, the Center's consideration of the inside lid as a permissible location for safe handling instructions would be appreciated. As would your oversight of the matter as it moves towards finality.

Again, thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a prompt and beneficial decision regarding safe handling instruction on egg cartons.

Sincerely,

HENRY BONILLA
Member of Congress

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